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1687, (D) C-M(77)7; (E) C-M(77)8, (F) C-M(77)9

SUMMARY: NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WAS INVITED TO APPROVE
"PROJECT REPORT ON SHORT-DISTANCE TRANSPORT TECHNIQUES" (REF D)
UNDER SILENCE PROCEDURE. COUNCIL PROBABLY WILL DISCUSS "PROPOSAL FOR
DRINKING WATER PILOT STUDY" (REF E) AND "CCMS PROGRESS REPORT"
(REF F) AT MARCH 23 MEETING. WE SEE NO PROBLEM WITH THESE
TEXTS AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL. PROPOSED TALKING POINTS
ARE GIVEN BELOW. ACTION REQUESTED: CONCURRENCE OR OTHER
GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN INVITED TO APPROVE UNDER SILENCE
PROCEDURE PROJECT REPORT ON SHORT-DISTANCE TRANSPORT TECHNIQUES
(REF D). WHILE AGENDA NOT YET FIXED AT ITS MARCH 23 MEETING THE
COUNCIL PROBABLY WILL DISCUSS AND ACT ON DRINKING WATER PILOT
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STUDY (REF E) AND CHAIRMAN'S CCMS PROGRESS REPORT (REF F).
OUR COMMENTS ON THESE DOCUMENTS FOLLOW:

2. REPORT ON SHORT-DISTANCE TRANSPORT TECHNIQUES (REF D)M
ON BASIS OF REF (C), WE WILL APPROVE THIS REPORT BY SILENT
CONSENT. IS HAS INFORMED US THAT THIS REPORT WILL NOT
BE DISCUSSED DURING NAC MEETING ON MARCH 23.

3. PROPOSAL FOR A PILOT STUDY ON DRINKING WATER (REF E).
WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

(A) THE UNITED STATES SUBMITTED THE PROPOSAL FOR THIS NEW PILOT STUDY IN THE HOPE BOTH OF ACHIEVING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DRINKING WATER PROBLEMS WE ALL FACE AND OF PROVIDING THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS TO THEM. WE WERE GRATIFIED BY THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE ACCORDED THE PROPOSAL BY THE ALLIES AT THE SPRING 1977 PLENARY IN DUSSELDORF AND LOOK FORWARD TO COOPERATING CLOSELY WITH OUR ALLIES ON THIS PROJECT.

(B) (CONTINGENCY TALKING POINT IN CASE ANOTHER DEL EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE DUPLICATION)
THE UNITED STATES WLECOMES THE COMMENTS OF ALLIES WHO CAUTION THAT THE CCMS PILOT STUDY ON DRINKING WATER SHOULD NOT DUPLICATE THE WORK OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE FULLY AGREE. AT THE SPRING CCMS PLENARY IN DUSSELDORF, THE U.S. PILOT LEADER STATED THE HE WOULD GIVE PERSONAL ATTENTION TO MONITORING THE WORK OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID UPLICATION OF EFFORT IN THIS FIELD. AS YOU KNOW, TO ASSURE THAT THE CCMS PROJECT WOULD NOT COVER THE SAME GROUND AS EC WORK ON DRINKING WATER PROBLEMS, ZDOVERS WERE INVITED TO THE DECEMBER 1976 AD HOC MEETING WHICH DRAFTED THE OUTLINE OF THE PILOT STUDY'S WORK PROGRAM. EC OBSERVERS WILL BE INVITED TO FUTURE MEETINGS AS WELL.

(C) (CONTINGENCY TALKING POINT IF FRANCE SUGGEST POSTPONING WORK ON LAST TWO SECTIONS OF PROPOSED PILOT STUDY WORK PROGRAM.)
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THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE SUGGESTIONS OF FRANCE REGARDING THE WORK PROGRAM OF THE DRINKING WATER PILOT STUDY. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE QUESTION OF WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE WORK PROGRAM WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER BY THE EXPERTS IN THEIR APRIL 26-27 MEETING AT NATO.

4. PROGRESS REPORT (REF F)

WE RECOMMEND NOTING THE REPORT AND SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY TLKING POINTS:

(A) THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO THANK PROFESSOR OZDAS, THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF CCMS, FOR HIS CONCISE AND INTERESTING REPORT TO THE COUNCIL. WE, TOO, WERE PLEASED WITH THE VALUABLE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AT THE SPRING PLENARY AND WITH THE GENERAL PROGRESS MADE IN CCMS PILOT STUDIES.

(B) (IF COMMENTS ON SPRING PLENARY ARE CALLED FOR)
WE WISH TO THANK THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC ONCE AGAIN FOR HOSTING THE SPRING PLENARY N DUSSELDORF. WE HOPE THAT OUR GERMAN COLLEAGUES WERE AS GRATIFIED AS WE WERE BY THE EVIDENT SUCCESS OF THE MEETING. WE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED THE WARM HOSPITALITY THAT OUR GERMAN FRIENDS EXTENDED TO THE DELEGATES AT THE PLENARY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION BY MARCH 15 OF SILENT

CONSENT TO REF (D), GUIDANCE ON CCMS NAC AGENDA ITEMS,
AND COMMENTS ON TALKING POINTS PROPOSED ABOVE.
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